

People's Village School, Mt. Meigs, Ala.

Miss Georgia Washington, President

IN 1893, Miss Georgia Washington had a call to Mt. Meigs as a teacher. On reaching there, she found that no schoolhouse nor boarding place had been provided. Though friendless and homeless, with "nowhere to lay her head," Miss Washington did not follow the advice to seek some other field of



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labor. In time, four students met the "Northern teacher" in the parsonage of the Antioch Baptist Church, and People's Village School had its beginning. It was incorporated in 1896, three years later.

A boarding place for the teacher was secured two and one-half miles away. Later she rented a small house in which she cooked, ate, and slept alone. Soon the school had outgrown the parsonage and found a place in the church building, with four teachers.

An acre of land was purchased, and a teachers' home (of two rooms) erected. One room served as class room by day and bed room by night. The other was kitchen, dining room, and pantry, with a bed in a corner.

A plan to build a schoolhouse was put into execution, although pronounced impractical. The present school building is the result. The next step was to secure land. The present property consists of a teachers' home, rated some time ago at \$2,000; a schoolhouse, \$3,500; a farm, \$1,400; live stock and farming implements, \$400; total, \$7,300. Annual expenses are approxi-

mately \$5,000, secured from donations and tuition. In 1908, the Negroes paid as tuition \$675, a little more than one third of the total running expenses of the school.

There were 80 male and 95 female students in 1908, from twelve to twenty-one years of age. There were 1 male and 6 female teachers. In the schoolroom, the children are taught not only from books, but are taught the dignity of labor. Domestic science for the girls and field and garden work for the boys are means of creating in them a love for the realities of home rather than stimulating a desire for the artificialities of the city.

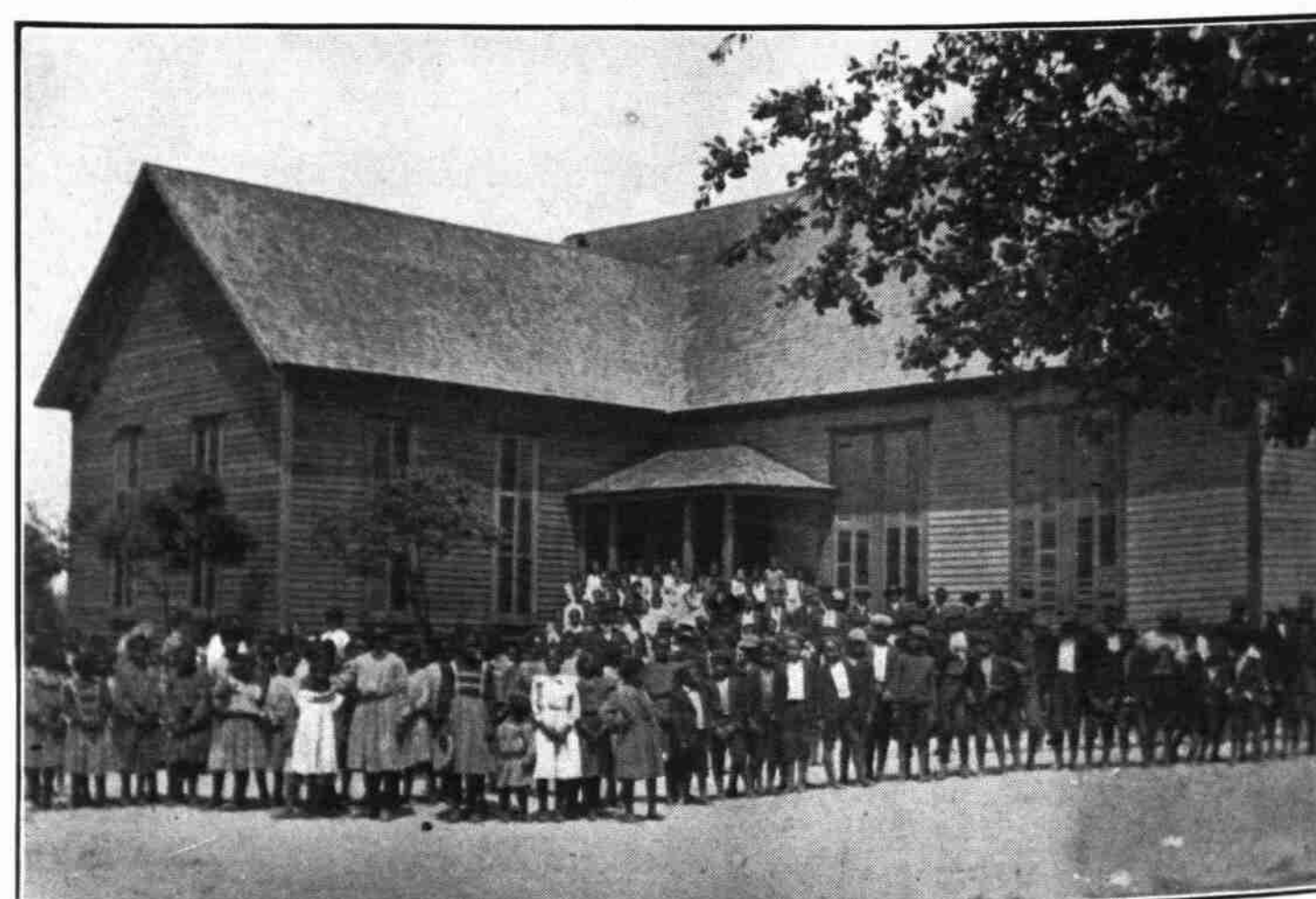
Credit is given to the Lord for the wonderful blessings that have attended the work of this school.

Sandersville Normal and Industrial School, Sandersville, Ga.

T. J. Elder, Principal

FOUNDED 1889. Property, valued at \$4,275, vested in the city school board. Approximate annual expenses, \$1,700, of which the city pays about \$1,000. Six teachers, 340 students. Students in agriculture, carpentry, sewing, basketry and other handicrafts, and music.

In 1900 an exhibit of work was sent to the Georgia State Fair and won a diploma; in 1901 a similar exhibit at the State Fair in Savannah received the first prize of fifty dollars, the highest prize offered to colored schools.



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